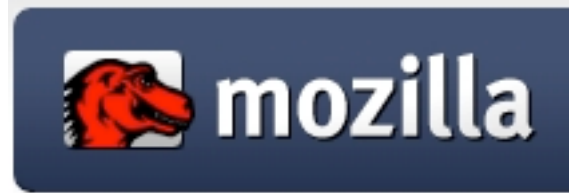


Easy Personal Web Pages with Mozilla

Mozilla is a free web browser, which is not only faster than Netscape or Internet Explorer, but also has a built-in web page editor. Simply surf to the page you want to change, click EDIT PAGE, make your changes, and PUBLISH the new version. All can be done with just a few mouse clicks. Creating and editing WebPages has never been easier. Interested? Come to this hands-on workshop.



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Mozilla Suite
all-in-one internet application suite

Mozilla is cross platform, meaning it will run on Windows, Mac, and Linux machines. Download it from:

<http://www.mozilla.org>

Tabbed browsing.
Popup blocker
Image Manager
Find as you type

In order to put your web pages on the internet, you will need a web account. Today, we will use a sample account to create our web pages.

There are 4 VERY IMPORTANT pieces of information that every web page creator needs to transfer his/her files **FROM** their own computer's hard drive **TO** the server computer's hard drive, (using the correct **PROTOCOL**) where they will become available for the world to see. That is the very definition of FTP, File Transfer Protocol, a fancy way of getting files FROM here, TO there.

When you get a web account, the 4 pieces of login information are:

FTP Server Name

This is known as "THE SERVER". This machine has a constant connection to the internet, and thus web pages on it are available 24/7/365.

Login/Username

Often times, the login name is your last name, or the part of your email address that comes before the "@" sign. For example, at LCC, Jane Doe's email address is doej@lanecc.edu and her Login/Username would probably be doej

Password

It is highly recommended that you choose a secure password. This usually involves including BOTH UPPER and lower case letters, numbers, AND punctuation in a

password that is at least 8–10 characters long. Anyone who has access to your password can change or delete your entire website. Please choose passwords wisely. If you feel your password has been compromised, change it or ask to have it changed.

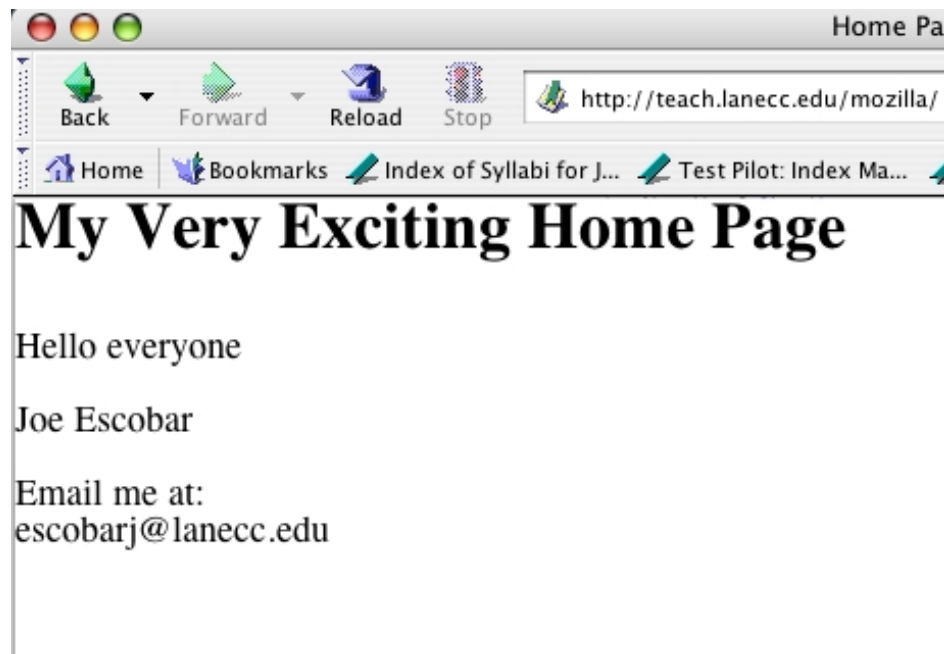
Initial Directory/Folder

This name varies from web server to web server. It is the directory or folder where you must save your files in order for them to be available to anyone on the Internet. This “path” is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT for people making their own web pages with Mozilla (or any web page program).

For our workshop today, the login information you need is:

- Server = ftp://teach.lanecc.edu
- Login/Username = mozilla
- Password = password (not very secure)
- Directory/Folder = sites/

On your computers, start Mozilla and go to <http://teach.lanecc.edu/mozilla/homepage.html> which should look something like this.



The single BEST feature of Mozilla is the ability to surf to any page on the internet, then click COMMAND/CONTROL “E”, or choose EDIT PAGE from the FILE menu. Mozilla will take that very web page and open it in its own web page composer. Try it. It will open this simple webpage in a window where YOU can change it. Notice all of the familiar tools on the toolbar. It looks VERY MUCH like your familiar word processor, with **bold**, *italics*, underline, centering, etc.

In order to SAVE the changes you’ve made to this ACTUAL PAGE ON THE INTERNET, click the PUBLISH button. You should see a box appear like this.

In order to publish a page, you need to include the 4 pieces of login information.

If you look closely at these 2 TABS (Publish and Settings), you should see those 4 pieces of information in use.

Can you find?

- **ftp://teach.lanecc.edu**
- **mozilla**
- **password**
- **sites/**

If you can master the art of the 4 pieces of login information, then using Mozilla to create and edit your web pages will be easy.

Of course, you must decide the 5th piece of information... what to NAME your webpage. In this example, it is **homepage.html**.

The 'Publish' dialog box, 'Settings' tab, shows the following fields and options:

- Site Name:** My Web Site (dropdown menu) [New Site button]
- Page Title:** My Web Page (text field) [e.g.: "My Web Page"]
- Filename:** homepage.html (text field) [e.g.: "mypage.html"]
- Site subdirectory for this page:** sites (dropdown menu)
- ☒ **Include images and other files**
 - ☒ Use same location as page
 - ☐ Use this site subdirectory: (text field)

Buttons: Help, Cancel, Publish

The 'Publish' dialog box, 'Settings' tab, shows the following fields and options:

- Server Information**
 - Site Name:** My Web Site (text field)
 - Publishing address (e.g.: 'ftp://ftp.myisp.com/myusername'):** ftp://teach.lanecc.edu/ (text field)
 - HTTP address of your homepage (e.g.: 'http://www.myisp.com/myusername'):** http://teach.lanecc.edu/mozilla/ (text field)
- Login Information**
 - User name:** mozilla (text field)
 - Password:** (text field with masked characters) ☒ Save Password

Buttons: Help, Cancel, Publish

The 'Publishing: Home Page' dialog box shows the following information:

- Publishing to Site:** My Easy Mozilla Website
- Site URL:** ftp://teach.lanecc.edu/
- Page subdirectory:** sites/
- Publishing Status:** Publishing completed.
- All files published:** homepage.html (with a green checkmark icon)
- ☒ Keep this window open after publishing is complete.

Once you enter the correct information and click PUBLISH, Mozilla will “put” (technologically known as FTP) the file on to the correct location on the “teach” server.

You should see a confirmation dialog box like the one on the left to show you when the page has been transferred and if it was successful.

IF YOU GET AN ERROR HERE, I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE YOU THAT ONE OF THE 4 PIECES OF INFORMATION IS NOT IN THE CORRECT PLACE. GO BACK, CORRECT IT, AND TRY AGAIN.

Most Common Points of Confusion

On The PUBLISH TAB

If the name, password, and <ftp://teach.lanecc.edu> are correct, then the BIGGEST source of problems comes with the SITE SUBDIRECTORY FOR THIS PAGE path. Remember, sites/ is the ROOT of your website.

The SITE NAME BOX/FIELD is a simple label you can use to save your information. Notice, Mozilla even suggests that you call it something like My Web Page. This is NOT one of the 4 pieces of login information. ALSO, this name is duplicated on BOTH the PUBLISH and SETTINGS tabs. It is NOT extra information you need.

On The SETTINGS TAB

Notice the PUBLISHING ADDRESS is <FTP://teach.lanecc.edu>, NOT <HTTP://teach.lanecc.edu>

Do's and Don'ts

Do check the SAVE YOUR PASSWORD box (on the Settings Tab) to save time and keyboard entry IF you are the only user of your computer

Do be sure that the SITE SUBDIRECTORY FOR THIS PAGE path is correct.

Do click the RELOAD/REFRESH button on your browser often as you update pages. When in doubt as to whether the page actually was published correctly, open another web browser (such as Netscape, Internet Explorer, Safari, Opera, Firefox) and check.